

# Yard and Food Waste Pilot Program at Vashon Recycling & Transfer Station

Starting October 2015



  
ZERO WASTE VASHON



**King County**  
Department of  
Natural Resources and Parks  
Solid Waste Division

## Yard waste

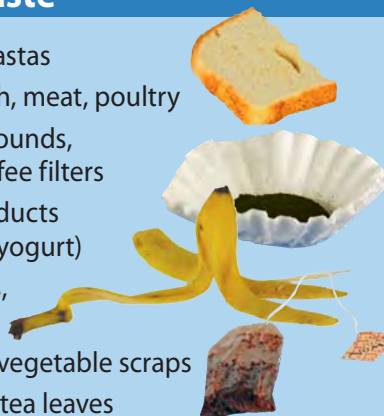
- Branches, brush, twigs
- Christmas trees
- Grass clippings
- Leaves
- Weeds

Branches and trees must be less than eight feet long, and branches and tree trunks must be no more than four inches in diameter. **No soil or sod will be accepted with yard waste.**



## Food waste

- Breads, pastas
- Bones, fish, meat, poultry
- Coffee grounds, paper coffee filters
- Dairy products (cheeses, yogurt)
- Egg shells, nutshells
- Fruit and vegetable scraps
- Tea bags, tea leaves



**These materials will NOT be accepted with yard and food waste:** Glass, metal, plastic, compostable utensils, or food-soiled paper products such as paper napkins, paper towels, paper plates, pizza boxes and take-out containers.

Food waste can be collected in a small kitchen countertop container with a compostable bag liner approved by Cedar Grove Composting. Approved bag liners are sold by these Vashon retailers: ACE Hardware, Island Home Center, Thriftway, and Vashon IGA.

## Waste prevention is best

Visit King County's Food: Too Good to Waste website – [your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/waste prevention/too-good-to-waste.asp](http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/waste prevention/too-good-to-waste.asp) – for information and tips about how to reduce food waste.

## Unsecured loads will be assessed a fee

Please remember that unsecured loads of garbage, recyclable materials, or yard and food waste will be assessed a \$25 fee, per King County Code 10.12.040.

Each load delivered to King County recycling and transfer stations must be securely fastened to a vehicle with tarps, rope, straps, netting, or chains to prevent any part of the load or the covering from becoming loose, detached, or leaving the vehicle while the vehicle is moving.

**Secure Your Load  
For Safer Roads!**



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Alternative Formats On Request  
206-477-4466 | TTY Relay: 711

## Did you know?

- An estimated **three quarters** of the garbage transported from Vashon Island and buried in King County's Cedar Hills Regional Landfill could be reused, recycled, or composted.
- Yard and food waste can be turned into compost (a valuable soil amendment good for plants and water quality) or potentially into a source of clean energy such as fuel or electricity.

**Zero Waste Vashon (ZWV)** and **King County Solid Waste Division (SWD)** are partnering to conduct a one-year pilot program for collection of yard and food waste at **Vashon Recycling & Transfer Station (VRTS)**. This is the first time that such a program has been developed at VRTS.

## Vashon residents and businesses: Your help is needed!

Your participation in the pilot program will help determine if a permanent yard and food waste collection program is feasible on Vashon Island. At VRTS, place your yard and food waste in the designated area next to the "Yard and food waste" sign.

## During the one-year pilot program, King County SWD will:

- Transport the yard and food waste to privately owned Cedar Grove Composting, Inc. in Maple Valley to be composted.
- Track and assess the quantities and types of yard and food waste delivered to VRTS.
  - This data will provide a basis for determining whether it is viable to process yard and food waste on Vashon rather than transporting them off the island.

## For more information

- Visit [your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/vashon](http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/vashon)
- Visit [zerowastevashon.org](http://zerowastevashon.org)
- Contact Dale Alekel, King County Solid Waste Division, at [dale.alekel@kingcounty.gov](mailto:dale.alekel@kingcounty.gov) or 206-477-5267

## Fees for yard and food waste

- Minimum fee: \$12 per entry, covers up to 320 lbs.
- Per ton fee: \$75

These fees are **lower** than the garbage fees, and are the same fees charged for yard waste at other King County recycling and transfer stations.

- Vehicles will be weighed in and out, and, depending on the actual weight, customers will be charged either the minimum fee or the actual weight based on the per ton fee.
- Yard and food waste accepted for this pilot must be separated from garbage and recyclable materials. Loads of yard and food waste mixed with garbage or recyclable materials will be disposed as garbage and charged at the garbage fee.

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Vashon Recycling & Transfer Station

